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Diné Positive Kinship



Ya'át'éehgo Nihik'éeí Bił Kéedahwiit'í

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K'é is Kinship or Relationship

- T'ahdoo nihidichíídaa k'é nihidooniid

Before we were born we were acknowledge.

- T'áá íídáá' she'awéé' dóó shiyázhí nihidooniid

We were greeted as “my baby and my little one”.

- Hwidichíí'go t'áá íídáá hakéí hóló

When born there are already kinship.

- Ádóone'é niidlínígíí biniinaa ákót'é

It is so because of our Clanship.

- T'áá íídáá' éí K'é bééhózin

Kinship already exists and is known.



Ha'álchíní Jinisé

Parental Roles and Responsibilities

- T'áá'ájíłah ha'álchíní ayóó'ájóní dóó baa'ákoznízin
Love your children unconditionally and really get to know them.
- Ha'álchíní ádíjinił dóó nazhnitin dóó baa ahojilą áldó'.
Nurture, teach children and take care of them
- Yishké dóó naayée'ee k'ehgo nazhnitin
Discipline your children and teach them to be responsible
- Bináál asdzání dóó diné hóyáanii jíłí dóó nizhónigo amá dóó azhé'é jíłí
Model moral standards and positive parenthood.



Amá Binaanishígíí

Traditional Diné Mother's Role and Responsibilities

- Ádóone'é dajílinígíí éí Amá náás deilé
Protects and carries on the matrilineal society/clan tradition
- Amá éí hooghan yee bóhólnííh
The mother is the center of a Diné family
- Áłchíní bá dzizdá
Keeps family together
- At'ééké ha'áłchínígo éí nazhnitin
Teaches daughters roles and responsibilities
- Hooghan hasht'e hólzin
Manages the home



Azhé'é Binaanishígíí

Traditional Diné Father's Role and Responsibilities

- Áłchíní bighan hodooleelgi bá baa nitsídzíkees dooleel dóó bá ájiił'íih
Provides a home for family
- Áłchíní baąh háąh jinízingo bini' yá' ádaat'ééh
Provides emotional support for children's emotional well-being
- Áłchíní baa áhojilyá dóó bik'inidzildzil
Cares and provides for family
- Áłchíní bik'ijideesij dóó t'áá Dinék'egho bízhí bá ádajile'
Provides protections and gives spiritual names.



Azhé'é Binaanishígíí

Traditional Diné Father's Role and Responsibilities

- Ak'ehół'íidoleeł biniiyé a'ich'í' yájíłti'
Provides guidance and direction and to be mindful
- Bik'ehgo da'iináanii yee na'nitin
Teaches life skills
- Diné baa hane' yee iłholne'
Diné cultural story teller
- Áłchíní bá dzizíí dóó bá hojoo'áál dóó bá yájíłti'
Leads, plans and advocates for family



Azhé'é Binaanishígíí

Traditional Diné Father's Role and Responsibilities

- Hats'íís dóó hanitsékees baa áhojilyáago doo haąhtéehda
Must maintain strong body and mind
- Hózhóójí dóó naayéé'ee k'ehjí nazhnitin
Teaches Blessing Way and Protection songs, prayers and understanding.
- Ashiiké ha'áłchínigo éí nazhnitin
Teaches sons roles and responsibilities
- Hoghan hazaągi ya'aholya
Takes care to the home place, land, livestock, cornfields, etc.



Adá'í dóó Azhé'é Yázhí' dóó Ayáazh
Maternal and Paternal Uncles
Roles and Responsibilities

- Hahastóí dabijiní dóó bich'í'adeest'íí'go át'é
An uncle is respected as elders and seen as an advisor
- Hach'í' yáłti' dóó bee da'iináanii yee nahonitin
Counsels and teaches life skills
- Bił dloh dazhdilchí
Models proper teasing
- Tsodizin dóó sin há dahyoolééł. Sin dóó sodizin hwil ch'iidoo'aał.
Maintains spiritual leadership. Share songs and prayers.
- Hach'í'yáłti'dóó bee da'iináanii yee nahonitin. Sin dóó sodizin hwil ch'iidoo'aał.
Counsels and teaches life skills. Share songs and prayers.



Amáyázhí dóó Abízhí Jílúgo
Boy & Girl's Aunt
Roles and Responsibilities

- Ayóo k'é hałní dóó haa'ákonízin dóó hwik'í hadodzi.

Expresses positive relationships, aware of emotional needs & speak on your behalf. Will help and support emotional needs

- Ha'át'íishíí bee hach'í' anáhóót'i' ígíí bee bił hozhdoolnih dóó há yaa'ákonízin dooleeł

Provides confidence and safe environment to talk about issues

- Éí háká adoolwołgo bee haz'á.

Always willing to provide assistance as needed in many ways

- Ayóo hadloh dadilchíídoos bee atah yá'áhoot'éeł biniye.

May tease to enlighten nephew and nieces.



Acheii dóó Análí Hastiin
Maternal & Paternal Grandfather
Roles and Responsibilities

- Éí yéego bó hólnííh dóó bi nahat'á holq.
Makes tough decision for the family.
- Ałk'idáá' ádahoot'éheę bił bée hózin
Connection to the past
- Baa hózhóonii at'éé dóó bił hojooba'
Models positive kinship and very generous.
- Baahane' hólq dóó iiná yínahoniłtin
Storyteller and teaches life skills



Amásání dóó Análí Asdzáángíí
*Maternal & Paternal Grandmother's
Roles and Responsibilities*

- Da'íldeehdę́'bił bée hózin

Maintains knowledge on family lineage and history

- T'áá Dinéjį iinánígíí bił bée hózin dóó yee na'nitin

Keeper of traditional and cultural knowledge and practices

- At'ééké asdzání ídlíígih yee neiinitin

Teaches granddaughters about womanhood

- T'áá Dinéjį áda'ool'į́į́gíí nabídíkíd dóó yaa halne'

Serves as traditional advisor for all aspects of life



Amásání dóó Anáí Asdzáángí
Paternal Grandmother's
Roles and Responsibilities

- T'áá ałch'ishdée' éí aláajı' sáanii nilı́
Grandmother is the elder of the mother's & father's side of the family
- Shitsóí dóó shináíí hałní dóó she'áwée' hałníí łeh
Expresses positive kinship and calls grandchildren her children
- T'áá yéego t'áá haské k'ehgo hach'ı' hadoodzih
Will be direct with you and teaches life skills
- Ayóó át' éego iiná yaą hááhnızin
Highly protects and values life



Anáí Hastiinígíí
Paternal Grandfather's
Roles and Responsibilities

- Anáí hastiinígíí éí bee ádeéhodzilzin
A special place of personal clan identity
- Baa níjídaahgo éí bee hadziil k'é hałnígo
Provides positive kinship that validates and rejuvenates
- T'áá hacheii dóó hanáí nahalingo ałdó' nahonitin
Like the grandfathers, teaches and tells stories



Lá'íji K'é dííní
We have other relations

- Nahasdzaan nihimá bidiiní

We call the Earth our Mother

- Jóhonaa'éí dóó tł'éhonaa'éí áłdó' k'é bidiiní

The Sun is our father and the moon is our mother.

- Dził asdzáán, tó asdzáán nihimá at'éego baa nitsiikees.

Like the grandfathers, teaches and tells stories

